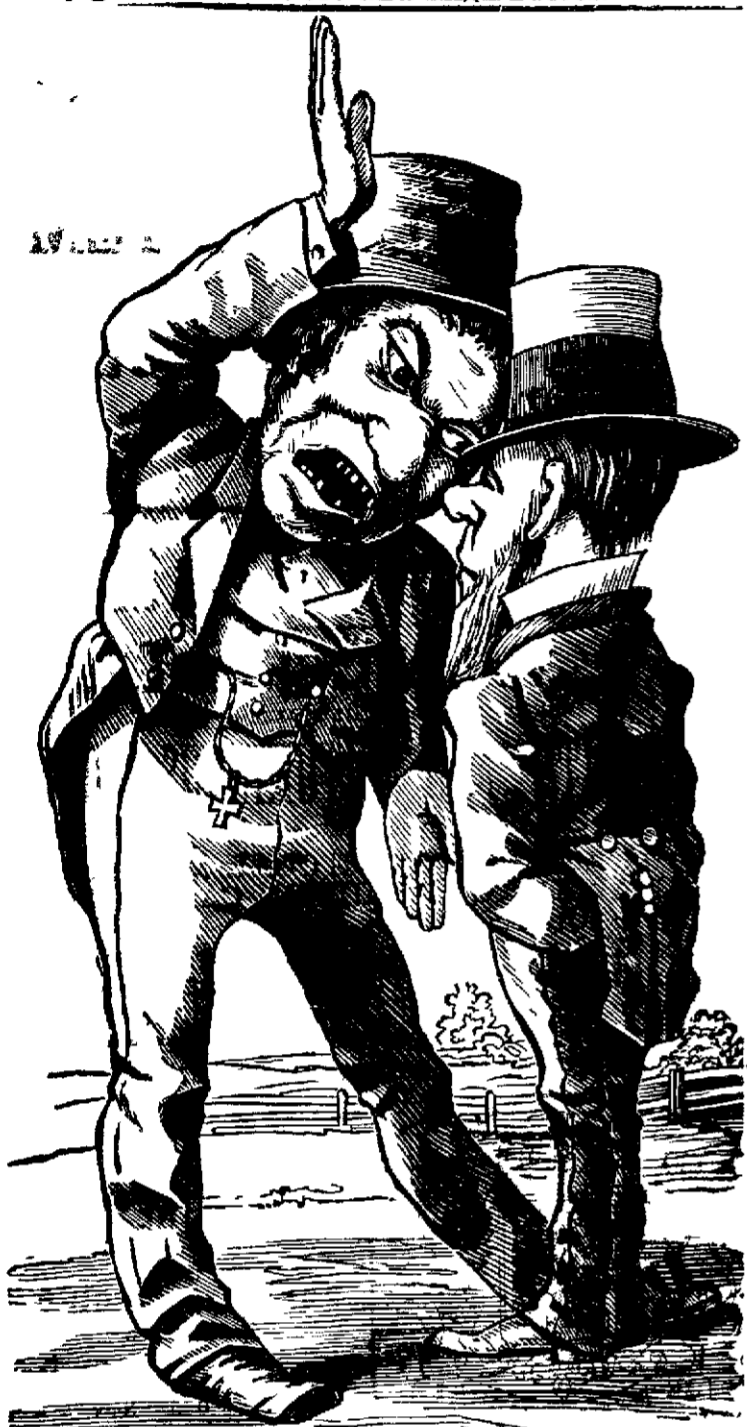


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Aug 14 1880-d&wlm

## The King's Death.

From J. E. Murdoch's Book on the Stage. Mr. Macready was fond of telling the following story as his experience of American independence, exemplified in a Western actor of the self-satisfied kind. "In the last act of Hamlet," said he, "I was very anxious to have the King, who was rather of a democratic turn of mind to fall, when I stabbed him, over the steps of the throne and on the right hand side, with his feet to the left in order that when I was to fall I should have the center of the stage to myself, as befitting the principal personage of the tragedy. No objection was made to this request on the part of the actor, but at night, to my great surprise, he wheeled directly round after receiving the sword thrust, and deliberately fell in the middle of the scene, just on the spot where I was in the habit of dying. Well, as a dead man cannot move himself, and as there was no time for others to do it, the king's body remained in possession of my place, and I was forced to find another situation, which I did, and finished the scene in the best way I could.

"When I expostulated with his Majesty for the liberty he had taken, he coolly replied: 'Mr. Macready we Western people know nothing about kings, except that they have an odd trick of doing as they please; therefore as I thought I was a King, I had a right to do as I pleased; and so, sir, I fell back upon my kingly rights, from which you perceive, sir, there is no appeal.' I retired," said Mr. Macready, "to my dressing-room to have a hearty laugh over what I felt more like crying over a moment before."

KEEP it in mind, business men and taxpayers, that Hancock declines to put himself on record, as Tilden did, to oppose with all his power the payment of rebel claims if he is elected president. Keep it in mind that the democratic congress has voted almost solidly against all efforts to forbid the payment of these claims by a specific constitutional amendment. Keep it in mind that Senator Edmunds, one of the best constitutional lawyers in this country, says there is now no constitutional obstacle to the payment of these claims, amounting to thousands of millions. Ponder upon these facts and then decide whether this claims question is a "bugaboo."

## AN HONEST MEDICINE FREE OF CHARGE

Of all medicines advertised to cure any affection of the Throat, Chest or Lungs, where everything else has failed. No medicine can show one half so many pos we know of none we can recommend so highly as Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Hoarseness, Tick ling in the Throat, loss of voice, etc. This medicine does positively cure, and that five and permanent cures as have already been effected by this truly wonderful remedy. For Asthma and Bronchitis it is a specific cure, curing the very worst cases in the shortest possible time. We say by all means give it a trial. Trial bottles free. Regular size, \$1. For sale by Hubbard & Swearingen, Decatur, Ill.

BUNTONS, 12, 13 and 14 cents a yard at Linn & Scruggs July 19-d&wtf

NOTE THIS—Linn & Scruggs say what they mean, in language that cannot be misunderstood—and do what they say. Aug 7, d&wtf

FACT, Milam's new process bread has no superior. 24-dtf

WILHOFF'S FEVER AND AGUE TONIC, the old reliable remedy, now sells at One Dollar. Jun 25-d&wtf

Cash Does the Business. We buy for cash, buy cheap, sell on low margins, try to get the best made and most durable goods that we can find, try to please our customers, never make any misrepresentations knowingly, always willing to correct mistakes, want your trade. Come and see us we are always glad to see old friends and make new ones. BARBER & BAKER. d&wtf

PHYSICIANS' prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours, day or night, at the Morgan street Drug store. June 8-dtf

W. LADD folding coats, fold up like an umbrella, for sale at 33d&wtf ASHBY & ANDREWS

For Sale, Two houses and lots, between three and four blocks of the business part of the city. Sept 10-d2w J. W. BURMAN

THE BEST possible grate for a hard coal stove is in the Argand—something new, beats them all. At Ashby & Andrews. Sept 17-d&wtf

Dress Buttons A large and handsome assortment of Dress Buttons just received by Linn & Scruggs. d&wtf

Our spring stock was never excelled either in quantity, quality or price, and we invite your patronage on the basis of the best goods for the least money. Come and see us if you want your shoes to fit. 27-d&wtf BARBER & BAKER

FIRST CLASS upholstering done at P. B. Provost & Son's. 2 dtf

WE WANT your custom, and think we can offer you inducements if you will come and see us, which will be sufficient to satisfy you that our store is the best place in town to trade. Bargains are to be had every day this spring. BARBER & BAKER. d&wtf

PURE drugs, medicines, paints, oils, etc., at bottom prices at the Morgan street Drug Store. June 8 dtf

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BOYS'

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BOSS CLOTHIER

Would respectfully announce to the fathers and mothers of the coming generation, that he has just received the

Largest, Neatest, Nicest, Finest Made-up Stock

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As for the truth of the above statement, we respectfully invite you all—mothers, fathers, and boys as well—to look through OUR IMMENSE STOCK, and remember, as to prices,

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backed with the statement THAT WE WILL RETURN THE MONEY IN EACH AND EVERY CASE WHERE THE PURCHASER IS DISSATISFIED WITH HIS BARGAIN.

Respectfully,

B. STINE,

The BOSS CLOTHIER.

Aug 28, 1880-d&wtf

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Kidney AND Liver

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A Positive Remedy for ALL Kidney, Liver and Urinary Troubles of both Male and Female

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This Great Natural Remedy is for Sale by Druggists in All Parts of the World

TRY IT AND TAKE NO OTHER.

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Prices and Styles to Suit Everybody.

Also, a line of Stoves that have been used only a short time, and nearly as good as New, at HALF PRICE.

Almost everything you need for Housekeeping—Don't fail to see their Stock and get prices before you buy, at

LITTLE'S Mammoth Stores, Court House Block. Sept 21, 1880-d&wtf

HIGHLAND HALL.

Established by the late Edward P. Weston

A BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR young ladies, at Highland Park, Ill., near Chicago. Fifth year begins Sept. 22, 1880. For catalogue, apply to NATHANIEL BUTLER, Jr. at N. Principal. July 12-d&wtf

\$70 A WEEK \$12 a day at home easily made. Costly outfit free. Address: Tague & Co. Augusta Maine. Nov 11-d&wtf

## "Cheap Charley's" Corner.

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OUR FACTORY IN CHICAGO,

has profited of all the advantages the market offered, and our orders are to sell, as

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We will say no more, and let our Goods and Prices do the talking

We Are Ready. How Are You?

Whenever You are Ready, Come and See

CHEAP CHARLEY

KAUFMANN & BACHRACH

Manufacturers of MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing!

Dealers in Goods for Men's Wear.

Cor East Main & Water Sts., DECATUR.

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Petition for Sale of Real Estate.

STATE OF ILLINOIS ss. Macon County.

In the county, court to the October term, A. D. 1880.

James G. Kizer, administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of Elizabeth Dingman deceased, vs. Andrew Dingman, Kate M. Chambers, William B. Dingman, Thomas F. Dingman, Helen F. Barton and Walter B. Chambers—Petition for sale of real estate.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of the county court of said Macon county by James G. Kizer, administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Elizabeth Dingman deceased, vs. Andrew Dingman, Kate M. Chambers, William B. Dingman, Thomas F. Dingman, Helen F. Barton and Walter B. Chambers—Petition for sale of real estate.

Not wealth, nor birth, nor rank nor state, But GET RIGHT UP AND GET that makes men great.

NOTICE.

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Aug 19-dtf STEVENS & DAVIDSON.

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Two Blocks North of the Post-Office,

just a few feet East of the Christian Church. My new building is on the street car line, and is of easy approach from all parts of the city. It is in a less public place, and is better arranged for privacy. I have a more room and more conveniences. I am furnished with more and better means for ascertaining "what is the matter" with my patients, and am in every way better prepared to treat and cure all those diseases belonging to my business—Chronic Diseases, Surgery and Deformities.

I must beg leave to say that in Chronic Diseases—especially those of women—my experience is unlimited that I have done every conceivable kind of surgical operation in this city and county, without the loss of a patient of deformity, from crooked backs to cross eyes, with perfect satisfaction. The only apology I have to offer for such talk as this is that I have done it.

If you are suffering in body or mind, come here and see me.

R. L. WALSTON, M. D., DECATUR, ILL. Sept 17-dw&mo

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Morgan Park (near Chicago). Preparatory and college department. Graduates come to Mod. Art a specialty. Highest Proficiency. (H. A. J. is President Morgan Park, Ill., or at Madison Street Chicago.

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ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL, CHARLES LAUX, Proprietor, South side of the Old Square, Decatur, Illinois Jan. 1, 1880-d&w



CITY DEPARTMENT.

CHEAP enough—102 pieces American China, a full dinner set, for only \$18.00, at E. D. Bartholomew & Co's.

"True Devotion" to-night.

At the fair grounds this evening.

ABOUT all the candidates for county offices are at the fair grounds yesterday.

For stylish wall paper at lowest living prices, call at Abel & Locke's.

A PERFECT Smoke Burner for steam boilers. Borden, Sellick & Co., Chicago, Ill.

LEAVE orders for B. F. Taylor's carriage on the slate at Armstrong's drug store.

New honey for table use on sale at Niedermeyer's, on the mound.

CALL at Peter Ulrich's if you want a genuine Reynolds' ham.

Don't let fair week confuse you. Remember that Abel & Locke's continue to offer bargains in fine carpets.

For nice groceries, glass and queensware, go to E. B. Pratt's. [Aug 20-23m]

Nice Fresh Butter at E. B. Pratt's, 37 North Church st. [Aug 20-23m]

Pasecations carefully prepared at Walter & Tyler's drug store.

NOTICE the new goods being received at Cole Bros., opposite the post office.

22-23

THE invitations for the Guards' opening ball and reception on the evening of Sept. 30th, were sent out on yesterday. Did you get one?

"ALL aboard for the fair grounds!—Going right out! This way! This way!" is the cry of the affable hack driver.

For a good cup of Java coffee and a tip-top lunch go to Miller's on the old square. [Sep 22-23]

For honest goods in the jewelry line at lowest prices go to J. L. Koieper, No. 30, Merchant street. Repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. [Sep 20-21]

When pains assail and cramps prevail, You feel as if you'd die; Don't waste your time in vain despair, But Spring Blossom at once try. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. [Sep 20-21]

You say you want "Herbine," but do you? If you do call on Cole Bros., opposite the post office. [22-23]

No better or fresher country produce in the city than is now on sale at Young Bros.' popular grocery store.

"GIVE me a Bohemian," is the general demand among lovers of the weed who like Schroeder's cigars.

ONE dozen Oysters, stewed, 25 cents. " " " raw, select, 30 " " " fried, 40 " " " broiled, 40 "

11-22 w 2m at Wood's.

THE ladies of Decatur will find the very goods they want in the line of powders, perfumes and brushes, at Cole Bros., opposite the post office. [22-23]

A TURNING machine and about a hundred bushels of wheat were accidentally burned on the land of Mr. J. F. Clough in Illinois on Tuesday.

You can get any school book in use in city or county schools at J. M. Stookley & Co's. They also keep a large line of second hand school books at low prices. [Sep 20-21]

A GIRL was told to put thyme in the soup so she put it in her Mistress' watch, that was the wrong time, if she had had dyspepsia or indigestion and taken Spring Blossom, that would have been the right thing and the right time. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. [Sep 20-21]

Now is the time to get your pictures framed, and J. M. Stookley & Co. are on hand with the largest assortment of frames and mouldings ever shown in this city. [Sep 20-21]

HAIR to the Chief among pulmonary remedies, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, used externally and internally. This grand preparation annihilates coughs, colds, rheumatism, neuralgia, lameness, piles, kidney troubles, sores, cuts, burns, boils, warts and corns. Its cures are attended by the simplest and most positive testimony. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. [Sep 20-21]

OWN your black coal from N. E. Adams, at the Midland depot. [Sep 20-21]

Mrs. W. N. PALMER, 149 Morgan street, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: My child was taken Feb. 1st with croup in its severest form and Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil being the only remedy at hand, I began giving it according to directions and found it gave immediate relief. I gave three doses and the child rested well the remainder of the night. I have used it in my family for some time with complete success. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. [Sep 20-21]

UNQUESTIONABLY the best, say all that have used Riehart's Liver Pills. So say we. Sales of them greater than all others; only one for a dose. Sample dose free. Warranted. For sale by A. J. Stoner and J. T. Hubbard. [Sep 18-21]

SEASONED, sawed, and split or four-foot wood, delivered on short notice from Pratt's wood yard, 37 North Church street. [Aug 20-23m]

DECATUR omnibus and carriage line to and from the depot, and to any part of the city. Orders left at the St. Nicholas Hotel will receive prompt attention day and night. [Aug 20-23m]

SPEAKING of the retiring ministers of Danville, the News of yesterday said: "Revs. Messrs. Parker and Musgrave both leave this city—the former for Springfield, the latter for Stapp's Chapel, Decatur. Both are first-class charges, and compliments to the preachers who receive them. Both men are highly esteemed and greatly loved in this city, and the best wishes of the people go with them and their families to their new homes."

AMONG others we have about one dozen extra heavy Zephyr Shawls, in beautiful shades, which we offer at just cost. See them. [Sep 22-23]

LAST night the elegant residence of Jas. W. Haworth, Esq., was all aglow with youth and beauty, the occasion being a petite entertainment given by the fair hostess. The moments sped rapidly by, enlivened by social pleasures, games, etc. About a dozen young people made the house resound with life and gaiety. At 10 o'clock refreshments were served, and when the day grew wan and small the happy company separated with grateful expressions of satisfaction for a delightful experience.

THE plate glass for Peddecord, Burrows & Co's new banking house were placed in position yesterday under the efficient supervision of Mr. D. C. Shockley, who has the job of fitting up the building. The glass is three-eighths of an inch thick, clear, and adds much to the appearance of the building. It was furnished by Morehouse & Wells, and is from the manufactory at Crystal City, Mo.

Watch Stolen.

At the fair grounds yesterday about three o'clock, while Mr. J. W. Paine was engaged in conversation with several gentlemen, a light-fingered youth quietly relieved him of his watch, a gold one valued at \$75. Mr. Wm. Bradley saw the stranger exercise his art and called the attention of Mr. Paine to his loss. Mr. Bradley pointed out the man and arrested him, handing him over to Sheriff Foranmyer, who brought him to the city and lodged him in jail. He claims to be a stranger here, and connected with one of the shows on the fair grounds, but Mr. Bradley says he knows him and that he is from Bloomington. The watch was of course recovered, much to the relief of Mr. Paine.

Bear in Mind

That we show, not a box, or a dozen or a few samples, of any one article pertaining to our line, but we show large quantities, and almost endless varieties. In hosiery, corsets, laces, embroideries, ruchings, underwear, knit and crocheted goods, yarns, zephyrs, cloaks, etc., etc., none but first-class houses can compare with us as regards assortment. As to prices, come and see.

22-d&w

CHEAP STORE.

Rev. W. H. Musgrave.

The membership of Stapp's Chapel are to be congratulated upon their good fortune in securing the services of this genial and energetic gentleman. In 1875 and '76 he was stationed at Bloomington—Wesleyan University Charge—and was a great favorite with both students of the school and people of the city. From Bloomington he went to Paxton, Ill., and from there to Danville, whence he comes to Decatur. We bid the Rev. gentleman a hearty welcome, and hope he will find this a pleasant field of labor for the Master.

The Coming Event.

On Monday evening, Sept. 27th, the Hoey and Hardie Combination will put upon the boards the great theatrical success, "A Child of the State." Of this interesting production the New York Herald of April 22, 1880, says: "A Child of the State," a strong melo-drama, was given last night at Wallace's theatre to a large house. It cannot fail to hold the interest of every one, and it has startling situations enough to insure a run."

Attempt to Commit Arson.

Three or four o'clock this morning Will Ferguson having occasion to go the depot to meet a friend, discovered a fire in the rear of Logan's blacksmith shop. Upon repairing thither he found a considerable quantity of oil saturated cotton, commonly called by railroad men, packing shrapnel in between the large doors of the shop, evidently with intent to fire the building. But little damage was done. Mr. Ferguson's timely arrival and prompt action in putting out the fire undoubtedly clipped in the bud a large conflagration.

Wanted.

To rent a dwelling, containing five or six rooms. Enquire of G. E. Mueller at the postoffice.

FAT MEN AND TALL MEN.

Attention!

We have by some means or manner about 20 dozens overgrown knit, merino and all-wool drawers, too large for medium-sized men, and offer them low.

21-d&w

CHEAP STORE.

Attention, Knights of Pythias!

Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening, at 7 o'clock, sharp; work in the First and Third Ranks. Visiting brothers and members fraternally invited.

W. H. SNODGRASS, U. C. C. M. DUNN, K. of R. & S.

To the Ladies.

Dear & Rinsin wish to inform the ladies of Decatur and vicinity that they are now ready to show the handsomest stock of Millinery and Notions ever brought to Decatur. We have all the late styles of pattern hats and bonnetts to select from in our house. As we have one of the best milliners in the state any order left with us will be filled to the satisfaction of the most fastidious patron. Full satisfaction guaranteed to any one who will favor us with a call. Come and examine our new stock and get prices before buying elsewhere. No trouble to show goods.

Sept 18-21

BEAN & RINSTEIN.

Strong Evidence.

I have sold at retail price since the 4th of December last 100 bottles of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, guaranteeing every bottle. I must say I never sold a medicine in my own case, such universal satisfaction. In my own case, with a badly ulcerated throat, after a physician prescribing it several days to no effect, the Electric Oil cured it thoroughly in twenty-four hours, and threatened croup in my children last winter it never failed to relieve almost immediately.

C. R. HALL.

GRAVELAND, Ill., March 27, 1880.

For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. [Sep 20-21]

ALL members of the Ladies' Working Band of the Y. M. C. A. are urged to be present at the regular meeting Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. An executive committee is to be elected, and other business of importance is to be transacted.

EMILY CLARK, Sec.

Visit Miller's new lunch room on the old square. [Sep 22-23]

MACON COUNTY FAIR.

Barbecue Speeches by Hon. J. R. Scott, of Champaign, and Ex-Gov. Oglesby on Yesterday Afternoon.

What Took Place on the Grounds To-Day—Programme for To-Morrow.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON.

After about 250 people had satisfied their hunger at the barbecue table, and the managers of the "gorgeous fat woman" shows and the peanut vendors had ceased their racket, something less than 1,000 people occupied seats in the amphitheatre, and waited for the barbecue speeches to be delivered. Meantime the Decatur Band rendered a number of excellent selections, and the president of the county board, John R. Miller, Hon. J. R. Scott, president of the state board of agriculture, Ex-Gov. Oglesby, Jason Rogers, Esq., Dr. J. H. Axton, John J. Braden, Dr. H. C. Johns and Father Eymann took seats on a dais in front of the grand stand.

Without any unnecessary delay, Hon. J. R. Scott, of Champaign, who has represented the Fourteenth congressional district on the state board of agriculture for the past ten years, was introduced. He apologized for not having a suitable address prepared for the occasion, but said he was glad to meet with the people and give encouragement so far as was in his power to the annual fair. After referring to the many benefits of a well-conducted county fair, and uttering words of the highest praise for Illinois as the leading agricultural state in the world, the speaker stated that wherever there was intelligence, enterprise and good soil, there would be found the wealth of the world. Mr. Scott spoke for ten minutes.

Ex-Gov. Oglesby, whose appearance was greeted with pleasurable manifestations, was next introduced. He took his text from the closing remark of Mr. Scott, and enlarged upon it. He declared that wherever there was rich soil and intelligence and enterprise combined, there should be nothing but happiness and universal prosperity; and such is the condition of things the world over. He spoke of the famed fertility of Illinois soil, of the general prosperity of our farming community, of the many attractive features of farm life, etc. There were many old farmers within hearing of the governor, and he took occasion to state that they were too old and wise to be flattered and he was too old to indulge in words of that kind; but, he declared, we are proud of our state, our intelligence, our thrift, our enterprise and our happy homes, whose peace and contentment reign. Next the speaker briefly referred to the educational advantages of the different countries of Europe. In America, he said, where every man is permitted to entertain political notions of his own, and spit them out when he pleases,—where every woman's tongue is allowed to wag at will from sunrise to sundown, where there is no oppression of woman or man—in this favored country it is almost impossible to find a fool. We are all free to say what we please, and we are all happy, and should be, and are contented. The governor next commented on the rich soil of Macon county, and spoke of the present and future value of the same. He could remember when it could be bought for \$1.25 per acre, but now he held that every acre was worth \$75, and predicted that the younger men within hearing would live to see well improved land in Central Illinois worth \$100 per acre, and that farmers will realize \$5 per annum on every acre of land they possess. The governor here made a few characteristic allusions to the many attractions of a county fair, and just then the thumping of a drum, the rattle of bones and beating of a tambourine reached the ears of the listeners. The speaker said he had often entered the arena at fairs against the gorgeous fat woman and the funny monkey, and somehow or other the fat woman and the monkey always took the crowd. This raised a big laugh. The governor spoke for 15 minutes and concluded his entertaining and instructive address by alluding briefly to the fact that today throughout the United States, on the whole of Alaska, there are but 3,000,000 acres of public land, and when this fact is learned, as it will be inside of four or five years, it will be gobbled up by the moneyed men of the east, and the price of farming soil every where will advance. His reference to the humid and arid region of the west was also deeply instructive and was listened to with close attention.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23.

The indications of rain early this morning had a dampening effect on the fair management and exhibitors as well, but as the forenoon advanced and the king of day peeped from behind the gathering clouds, all felt better, and prophecies of fair weather all week could be heard on all sides. The attendance this forenoon was small, but the crowds will be on the grounds to-morrow and next day, when the military and fire department will parade before the people. Entries in all departments were made up to noon, when the books were closed.

AWARD OF PREMIUMS.

Class A, cattle—J. G. Willard and W. A. Vanover, superintendents, Judges—C. W. Stoner, and Messrs. H. C. Johns, J. H. Axton, J. R. Scott, 1st—Best bull, 7 years old and over, Wing & Thompson 1st premium, \$15.00. Best bull, 1 year and under 6 months, Smith & Smith 1st premium, \$5.00. Best bull calf under 1 year and over 6 months, Best bull calf under 6 months, 1st premium, \$3.00. Best cow 3 years old and over, five entries, 1st premium \$15.00; Wing & Thompson; 2d premium, \$10.00. Best cow 2 years old and over, five entries, 1st premium \$10.00; Wing & Thompson; 2d premium, \$5.00. Best cow 1 year old and under 5, four entries, 1st premium, \$5.00; Wing & Thompson; 2d premium, \$3.00. Best heifer, 1 year and over 6 months, three entries, 1st premium, \$5.00; Pickrell, Thomas & Smith; 2d premium, \$3.00. Best heifer under 6 months, two entries, 1st premium, \$4.00; Pickrell, Thomas & Smith; 2d premium, \$2.00. Same.

FARM MACHINERY.

In addition to the entries in this department noted in our issue of yesterday, Chambers, Bering & Quinlan, two styles check rowers; James Locher, of Chicago, enters a screw plow; Varner and cultivator, a Westinghouse & Co. traction engine and thresher; John W. Needham, a sawing gate; B. C. Cressy, automatic carriage gate; John A. Brown & Co., Decatur, Triumph check rowers; B. F. Adams, a grubbing machine and post, litter; Haworth & Co., Robinson's adjustable rotary harrow; Dr. J. N. Billa, three Cincinnati bugles; Geo. W. Duster, one Anderson stock feed steamer; A. Low, combined harrow and cultivator; C. H. Baker, Zimmerman dryer and baker.

OTHER ENTRIES.

Abby & Andrews make a fine display of Early Breakfast, Argand and Astral stoves and furniture. Seven fine rug carpets are shown for the special premium of \$10, and numerous other articles. Bear & Rinsin exhibit a glass case containing five samples of millinery goods. J. R. Raco & Co., exhibit four new sewing machines, the "New Eldred" and many others. Among the farm products are shown many samples of new and old corn, sweet potatoes,

wheat, oats, onions, farseed, potatoes, rye, barley, timothy seed, etc., etc.

A fine display of orchard products is made by J. E. Clemens, a tenant on J. J. Jones' farm; also by two other parties.

Theo. Steinen exhibits 110 varieties of flowers, making a fine display. The collection is strikingly beautiful and is admired by all. Mr. Steinen also displays a beautiful collection of hand bouquets, roses and geraniums arranged in excellent taste. John Irwin and others also exhibit a handsome display of cut flowers, plants, vines, etc. The other noticeable entries in Floral hall are honey, cakes, bread and canned goods.

Boyd, Braden & Co., exhibit the Champion butter maker and the Illinois washing machine. F. B. Provost & Son make a fine show of costly furniture.

Kramer & McDaniel make a display of fine buggies, carriages and spring and farm wagons.

NOTES.

Some thief stole a whip out of ex-Mayor Haworth's buggy on yesterday.

That big board sign near the entrance to the grounds, that has attracted so much attention, was put up by Robert Muzzy and Frank Trowbridge. It will remain in its present place until after the soldiers' reunion, and will then be put up on the Springfield road.

There are sixteen running, ten trotting and a number of pacing horses on the ground.

The show of poultry is unusually large this year. Theo. Nelson's game cocks attract much attention.

THURSDAY'S PROGRAMME.

Following will be the programme of races for to-morrow, commencing at 2:30 p. m.

Running Race—One mile and repeat. Five to enter and three to start. Purse, \$200.

First horse, \$100.00  
Second " 50.00  
Third " 25.00  
Fourth " 15.00

SAVED DAY—3:30 P. M.

Pacing Race—Best 2 in 3. Macon Co. horses. Four to enter and three to start. Purse, \$75.

First horse, \$40.00  
Second " 25.00  
Third " 15.00

At 10 a. m. herds of fine cattle will be shown, and at 1 p. m. an exhibition of thoroughbred horses, roadsters and horses of all work.

Donating Surplus Party.

The parsonage of the German Methodist Church, on North College street, last night, was the scene of a thoroughly delightful social party, given as a surprise to and in honor of the retiring pastor of the charge, Rev. William Schuetz. By previous arrangement the company of friends, which numbered 52 persons, young and old, met at W. F. Niedermeyer's residence and from thence proceeded in a body to the parsonage, bringing with them an abundance of everything that could possibly tempt the appetite. All were made heartily welcome by the parson and his good lady, and the evening was passed in the usual way, refreshments "fit for the gods" being served at a seasonable hour. During the evening Rev. S. was presented with a serviceable \$30 overcoat, a silk necktie and handkerchief; Mrs. S. too was remembered with a handsome cashmere dress, all nicely trimmed and ready for wear; three of the children were each given a water-proof cape, and the little one received a cashmere cloak. Rev. Schuetz has been the pastor of the church here for the past three years, and goes to Warrenton, Mo., to continue in the ministry. During his sojourn here the congregation has built and paid for the comfortable brick parsonage where he has lived since last spring, and the church is also unencumbered. Rev. Schuetz's departure is sincerely regretted by his congregation, and also by many outside of the church who enjoy his acquaintance. We join his congregation here in wishing him a long life of usefulness, wherever he may be, and extend to his successor, Rev. Philip Naumann, a hearty welcome.

Have Come.

The Forbes and Cotton Company arrived this morning, and will open at the opera house to-night in "True Devotion." Of the merits of this company the Oshkosh (Wis.) Daily Northwestern says:

A FINE PLAY.

Turner Hall was packed again last evening, and hundreds turned away who could not get sitting room, so great was the desire to witness the beautiful drama of True Devotion.

Last night the ticket office was closed while over 200 persons were clamoring for tickets, and nothing would satisfy them but the promise to repeat the same drama to-night. The receipts were between four and five hundred dollars.—Nearly 1000 tickets were sold.

The Forbes-Cotton Company is considered the best that has ever visited Oshkosh. The citizens appreciate a good performance and always patronize a first-class company.

Ben Cotton is probably the greatest comedian on the stage. Little Idalene took the house by storm last evening.—Her equal has never appeared in this city. Many of our theater-going people have expressed a desire to tender her a complimentary benefit. Manager Forbes has promised to do so before the season closes, when a grand testimonial will be given to this little fairy queen of the dramatic stage. As this is their last appearance in this work in this beautiful drama, let the house be crowded again. Reserved seats can be secured at Curtis & Co's jewelry store.

MARRIED.

In the Congregational church in Illinois, Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, by Rev. R. M. Sargent, Pastor, Mr. H. S. C. Leavitt, of Warrensburg, and Miss Emma F. Martelle, recently graduated at the Decatur High School.

A large and pleasant company of friends were present to give their congratulations on this happy occasion and beautiful evening.

Attention, Farmers!

Companies are requested to meet at headquarters on Friday, Sept. 24th, at one o'clock, sharp, to attend the fair.

J. S. HEWES, Chief.

A. N. DUEHL, Sec. 2d

In Quod Agam.

Owen Rooney is in jail again, upon a charge of highway robbery. His victim is an old German gardener, named Jacob Daut, who resides just northeast of this city. The robbery was committed this forenoon on the levee, and was witnessed by several persons. Owen is liable to go up the road this time.

Saddle Rock Oysters.

New York Saddle Rock Oysters, in steaks or raws, 25c a dozen, at Miller's New Oyster House, on the old square. 22-23d

TO-NIGHT!

MR. S. V. CASEY, The Eloquent Colored Orator of Springfield, will speak at the COURT HOUSE THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING, [AT 7:30 O'CLOCK.] COME AND HEAR HIM. COMMITTEE.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Miss Sallie Brewer, who has been at Taylorville on a visit, has returned home, after having a delightful time with friends. Hon. James McCartney, of Fairfield, Republican candidate for attorney general, spent last night in the city, on his way to Monticello, where he speaks to-night.

Mrs. Dr. A. L. Keller, of Sullivan, and Mrs. Dr. Wm. Dillon, of Payson, daughters of our fellow-townsmen, Wm. Cantrell, are in the city visiting old friends for a number of days, and are guests of their sister, Mrs. Harl P. Christie.

Mr. William M. Metcalf, of Bloomington, brother of D. B., was in the city yesterday. He is at present acting in the capacity of a traveling salesman. He is looking well and hearty. He left on the morning train for Pana.

Bishop Weaver and wife, of Dayton, Ohio, who have been the guests of A. Kramer and family since Monday, departed this morning for the west to attend the annual Illinois Conference of the U. B. Church. Bishop Weaver is one of the most eminent ministers of the U. B. faith.

Jesse Lockhart, the "King of Niantic," was seen upon the streets yesterday, having in his possession a model of an improved railroad iron, which he thinks only has to be seen to be appreciated. He also has under construction a check-tower, which he claims is the "best" for "accuracy, durability and cheapness," and when put into operation will take the palm off all other check towers. Jesse certainly has a remarkably inventive faculty for a democrat.

Mrs. L. B. Smith, (better remembered by our people as Miss Gussie Bradley), and Miss Maggie Morrison, both of San Jose, Cal., arrived in the city yesterday, and are the guests of Otto E. Curtis.—They will remain some days.

Opera House, Decatur.

FOUR NIGHTS OF FAIR WEEK, commencing WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22.

Manager Forbes takes great pleasure in announcing the engagement of the popular comedians,

MR. BEN. COTTON, And his Gifted and Talented Daughter, LITTLE IDALENE COTTON, Supported by the New and Powerful FORBES DRAMATIC CO.

15 FIRST-CLASS ACTORS 15 In the Comedy Drama entitled "True Devotion!" written and arranged expressly for Mr. Cotton and his daughter, Idalene.

The above Company will also appear in the highly artistic and Emotional Drama entitled BLACK DIAMONDS! OR, THE HEROINE OF HAZELTON.

ADMISSION, 50 cts.; Gallery, 25 cts.; Reserved Seats, 75 cts., for sale at O. E. CURTIS & CO.'S.

Grand UNCLE TOM'S CABIN MATINEE Saturday, at 2 O'clock.

Admission to Matinee, 25 cents. Children, 10 and 15 cents. [Sep 20-21]

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Sept. 22-24d ABEL & LOCKE.

FOR RENT.

The room now occupied by us, from which we shall move into our New Banking Office about OCTOBER 1st. Improvements will be made to suit a desirable and permanent tenant. PEDDECORD, BURROWS & CO. Sept. 17, 1881—d1f.

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